(d) The requisite outlays for this project are to be provided by the two State Governments.

**Central assistance provided for irrigation works in tribal sub-plan areas**

1455. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL :Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Central assistance provided for irrigation works in Tribal Sub-plan areas during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, year-wise; and

(b) what is the basis for allocating Central assistance to States for irrigation sector in tribal sub-plan areas ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Special Central assistance is available for Tribal Sub-plans as an additive to State Plan efforts. Only minor irrigation schemes which directly benefit the tribal farmers are generally eligible for funds from Special Central Assistance. The yearwise assistance provided for irrigation under the tribal sub-plan during Sixth Plan is given below :—

| | Crores |
|---|---|
| 1980-81 . . . | 8.78 |
| 1981-82 . . . | 17.43 |
| 1982-83 . . . | 9.15 |
| 1983-84 . . . | 7.78 |
| 1984-85 . . . | 4.80 |

**Seed production**

1456. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target for the production of improved seeds during the year 1986-87;

(b) what is the percentage o^ agricultural area where improved varieties of seeds are used; and

(c) by when all cultivators are likely to be supplied improved varieties of seeds of all crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Production Programme of improved seeds during the year 1986-87 as indicated by the State Governments/Union Territories is 56.38 lakh quintals.

(b) During 1984-85, 5.62 percentage of agricultural area was covered with the distribution of improved seeds through various seed supplying agencies. In addition to this, farmers use their own seeds as well as seeds exchanged from farmers to farmers basis.

(c) The Government of India have decided that during 7th Five Year Plan, the farmers are to use fresh seeds of hybrid crops every year whereas in self-pollinated crops, like wheat, paddy, ragi, barley, oilseeds and potato, the seeds are to be replaced once in 10 years and in pulses, once in 6-7 years.

The development of new varieties is a continuous process which develop demand for seeds of new varieties. Moreover farmer to farmer exchange of quality seed also takes place. In view of this, it is not possible to know and indicate the exact period by which all cultivators are likely to be supplied improved varieties of seeds of all crops.

**Narmada water for Rajkot and Jamnagar cities**

1457. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the suggestion for financing [ proposed project for taking Narmada waters from near Broach to Rajkot